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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Deepak B. SALUNKE, et al ) Group Art No.: 1617  
Application No: 10/815,109 ) Examiner: BADIO, Barbara P.  
Filed: 03/30/2004 ) Re: ***Response to FINAL***  
For: "Bile Acid Derived Steroidal Dimers..." ) Atty Docket No: B5412 621815-6  
Date: January 3, 2007

**RESPONSE TO FINAL**

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Sir:

This is in reply to the final Office Action mailed on August 2, 2006. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a) in duplicate and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a)(3), for a one month extension of time. With the extension, the deadline for filing this response in view of the January 1, 2007 and January 2, 2007 holidays is due no later than

**January 3, 2007.**

Since this paper is filed in response to a Final Office Action, the Applicants submit that this paper is a reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 and request expedited processing of this Amendment after Final Rejection as described in MPEP 714.13

Please amend the above-identified application as described below and consider the following remarks. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.